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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YASUHIRO OSAME : EXAMINER: TOLAN, EDWARD T
SERIAL NO: 10/554,112 :
FILED: OCTOBER 21, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3725
FOR: TUBULAR METAL BODY, :
METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, :
LINER FOR PRESSURE VESSEL AND :
METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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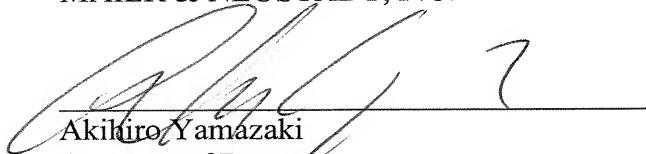
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated October 11, 2007, Applicant elects Group (Invention) I, Claims 1-9 drawn to a method of forming a tube through a porthole die.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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